

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yoshiyuki HOJO Application No.: Currently unknown Filing or 371(c) Date: Concurrently herewith Title: CURRENT DIRECTION DETECTION CIRCUIT AND SWITCHING REGULATOR HAVING THE SAME	International Application No.: PCT/JP2005/002270  International Filing Date: February 15, 2005
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application,  
Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following Amendment:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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